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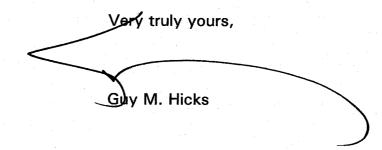
Re: Complaint of XO Tennessee, Inc. Against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Complaint of Access Integrated Networks, Inc. Against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Docket No. 01-00868

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of BellSouth's Response to Motion for Continuance of Hearing. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.



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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: Complaint of XO Tennessee, Inc. Against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

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Docket No. 01-00868

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING

By Order dated November 6, 2001, the Hearing Officer set the hearing in this docket for December 3, 2001. After having failed to file any testimony in support of the Complaints at issue in this docket, Access Integrated Network, Inc. ("AIN"), XO Tennessee, Inc. ("XO"), and ITC^DeltaCom ("DeltaCom") have now filed a Motion for Continuance of Hearing. Given that no parties have filed direct testimony, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BST") respectfully submits that it is neither necessary nor appropriate to conduct a hearing in this matter.

To the extent that the Hearing Officer disagrees, however, BST is prepared to go forward with a hearing on December 3, 2001 — the date that was set nearly three weeks ago. Moreover, the Complainants should not be permitted to file Complaints, conduct discovery, deliberately refuse to pre-file testimony in support of their own allegations, and then seek to move the hearing date so that they can

file testimony that should already have been filed or possibly even change the nature of their allegations in this docket. BellSouth, therefore, submits that the hearing should not be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on November 29, 2001, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via the method indicated: [] Hand Henry Walker, Esquire [] Mail Boult, Cummings, et al. → Facsimile P. O. Box 198062 [] Overnight Nashville, TN 37219-8062 [] Hand Chris Allen, Esquire [] Mail Office of Tennessee Attorney General Facsimile P. O. Box 20207 [] Overnight Nashville, Tennessee 37202

